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For: MULTI-WAVELENGTH CROSS-CONNECT OPTICAL SWITCH
Group No.: 2874
Examiner: LEE, J.
Docket No.: UC97-156-8

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 11, 2002, which set a two-month period for response.

1. Allowance of Claims 31-64.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of Claims 31-64 and the Examiner's diligence to advance prosecution of this application.

2. Related Cases.

To assist the Examiner with advancing this application to issue, as well as related copending applications, and in response to the Examiner's request, the Applicant is providing herewith copies of all claims presently pending in each of the related copending applications. Claims for the following applications are enclosed herewith:

- (a) S/N 09/766,529 (filed 01/19/01)
- (b) S/N 09/813,446 (filed 03/20/01)
- (c) S/N 09/928,237 (filed 08/10/01)

In addition, the Applicant calls to the attention of the Examiner, the following related issued U.S. patents:

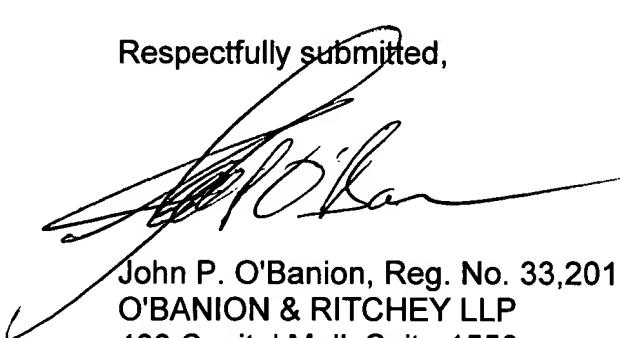
- (a) U.S. No. 6,097,859 (issued 08/01/00)
- (b) U.S. No. 6,289,145 (issued 09/11/01)
- (c) U.S. No. 6,327,398 (issued 12/04/01)
- (d) U.S. No. 6,374,008 (issued 04/16/02)

3. Conclusion.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney in the event of any question regarding this response.

Date: 5/13/02

Respectfully submitted,



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